

Adult trauma patients meeting any one of the parameters in Category 1, or any two parameters in Category 2, are considered trauma alert patients and should be transported to the nearest State Approved Trauma Center (SATC).

	<b>CATEGORY 1</b> (ANY <u>1</u> MEETS TAC)	<b>CATEGORY 2</b> (ANY <u>2</u> MEET TAC)
<b>AGE</b>		≥55 years old
<b>AIRWAY</b>	Active airway assistance beyond supplemental O <sub>2</sub> <sup>1</sup>	Respiratory rate ≥30
<b>CONSCIOUSNESS</b>	BMR <sup>2</sup> ≤4, or paralysis, or suspicion of spinal cord injury, or loss of sensation, or GCS ≤ 12 <sup>3</sup>	BMR <sup>2</sup> ≤5
<b>CIRCULATION</b>	No radial pulse AND sustained heart rate >120 bpm, or SBP <90mmHg	Sustained heart rate ≥120 bpm
<b>FRACTURE</b>	2 or more long bone fracture sites (humerus, radius/ulna, femur, tibia/ fibula)	Any long bone fracture sustained in a MVC or fall ≥10 feet
<b>CUTANEOUS</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> or 3 <sup>rd</sup> degree burns to ≥ 15% TBSA, or amputation at or proximal to wrist or ankle, or penetrating injury to head, neck, or torso <sup>4</sup>	Major degloving injury, or major flap avulsion > 5 inches, or GSW to the extremities
<b>MECHANISM OF INJURY</b>		Ejection from motor vehicle <sup>5</sup> , or steering wheel deformity resulting from driver impact, or death of an occupant in the same passenger compartment
<b>HEAD TRAUMA</b>	Any patient taking Anticoagulant meds <sup>6</sup> with head trauma and GCS <15	
<b>OTHER</b>	Paramedic Judgement	

**Footnotes**

- <sup>1</sup> Assistance includes manual jaw thrust, multiple suctioning, or use of other adjuncts to assist ventilatory efforts.
- <sup>2</sup> BMR = Best motor response of the Glasgow Coma Scale
- <sup>3</sup> Excludes those patients whose baseline GCS is  $\leq 12$ , or BMR is  $\leq 4$ , as established by the patient's medical history or preexisting medical condition when known.
- <sup>4</sup> Excludes superficial wounds in which the depth of the wound can be easily determined. Gunshot wounds proximal to the elbow or knee with an unknown tract (i.e., no exit or palpable bullet) are trauma patients.
- <sup>5</sup> Excludes motorcycles, mopeds, all-terrain vehicles, bicycles, or the open body of a pick-up truck.
- <sup>6</sup> Anticoagulant medications include medications such as Coumadin (Warfarin), Lovenox, Pradaxa, Xarelto, Apixaban, Hirudin, Arixtra, Plavix, Fondaparinux. Aspirin is not included.